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OF

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OF CANADA.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Association shall be "THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF CANADA."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be the protection of the mutual interests of its members, and the advancement and improvement of Amateur Athletic Sports.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES.

The membership of this Association shall be limited to Amateur Athletic Clubs and such other Amateur clubs as shall hold, during each year, one Athletic Meeting, containing at least three events, open to amateurs, and any Club failing to hold such meeting will thereby forfeit its membership.

They shall also have embodied in their By-Laws, the definition of Amateur as adopted by this Association.

They shall also agree to subscribe to the laws, rules and regulations of the Association, and to abide by the rulings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.—DEFINITION.

An Amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize, or staked bet, or with or against any professional for any prize, or who has never taught, pursued, or assisted in the practice of athletic exercise as a means of obtaining a livelihood.

This rule does not interfere with the right of any Club to refuse an entry to its own sports.

ARTICLE V.—Officers.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and a Treasurer, who with a Committee of nine members, shall constitute the Executive of the Association. They shall be elected for a term of one year, and eligible for re-election, at each Annual Meeting of the Association.

Not more than two members of the Executive Committee shall be elected from any one Club.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee, arising from any cause whatever, shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VI.—Application for Membership.

Any Amateur Athletic Club desiring to join the Association shall send to the Secretary an application for membership, as many copies of its Constitution and By-Laws as there are members of the Executive, and a list of its officers and members. The Secretary shall submit this application to each member of the Executive Committee, and these members shall endorse their decision and return.

The approval of two thirds of the members of the Executive Committee shall be necessary to constitute an election.

ARTICLE VII.—Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be held at 8 p. m. on the evening of the yearly Championship Games, at the place where the Championship Games are held.

Twenty Delegates shall be necessary to form a quorum at the Annual or General Meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.—Special Meeting.

A special meeting may be called at the written request of not less than one-third of the Clubs comprising this Association, of which fifteen days notice shall be given by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.—Representation.

All meetings—special or otherwise—of the Association, shall be composed of delegates from the several Amateur Clubs, which have been duly admitted to representation.

Clubs with a membership of 100 or under shall be entitled to one delegate. Clubs with a membership of 150 and over 100 shall be entitled to two delegates, and Clubs with a membership of 150 and upwards, three delegates.

Clubs shall be allowed to have one vote for each delegate to which they are entitled. If represented by the full number of delegates, each delegate shall have one vote ; but if the full number of delegates is not present, the delegate or delegates representing them shall be allowed to cast the full number of votes to which their club is entitled.

Delegates shall represent one Club only, at any meeting of the Association.

No delegate will be eligible to act at the meetings of the Association, unless he produces a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the Club he represents.

ARTICLE X.—Dues.

The Annual dues of each Club shall be five dollars ($5.) for each delegate to which it is entitled, payable when application for membership is made into the Association and at each Annual Meeting thereafter. No Club whose dues remain unpaid shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XI.—Discipline.

Any violation of the rules of the Association shall render a Club liable to suspension, by the Executive Committee, until the next meeting of the Association, and to expulsion by a two-thirds vote of the Clubs represented at such meeting.

All sentences of disqualification and suspension by any Club in the Association shall be binding on all the Clubs who form the Association, but an appeal against the sentence may be sent to the Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada within ten days from the date of the imposition; and such appeal shall be dealt with by the Committee (as provided for by Bye-Law No. 6,) at a meeting to be specially summoned at the earliest possible date, but shall not be considered if the sentence shall have been disregarded by the suspended person before the meeting of the Committee. If it is found inconvenient for the President to procure a meeting of the committee, the matter may be arranged by correspondence.

That all sentences of disqualification and suspension by the National Amateur Lacrosse Association of Canada, the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, Canadian Foot Ball Associations, and Canadian Wheelmen's Association shall be binding on all the Clubs who form this Association.

That anyone who wilfully competes against one who is under sentence of suspension shall be himself suspended until the expiration of such sentence, or for such longer period as the Committee may think fit.

ARTICLE XII.—AMENDMENTS.

No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution except at the Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote. At least thirty days' notice of any such proposed change must be given to the Secretary of the Association in writing, of which due notice shall at once be sent to the Clubs belonging to the Association.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Officers.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who, with a Committee of nine members shall constitute the Executive of the Association. They shall be elected by ballot, at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE II.—Duties of Officers.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, audit and approve all bills, and order meetings of the Committee whenever, in his judgment, he may deem it necessary.

The Vice-Presidents in their order, shall, during the absence of the President, perform all his duties, as specified above.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting of the Association and of the Executive Committee, shall conduct their correspondence, and have charge of and be responsible for all the books and papers, except those of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, shall pay all bills, when properly approved, and submit a report thereof to the Committee, whenever called upon by them to do so.

All bills shall be presented to the President, or in the event of his absence to the Vice-President, acting for him and shall be audited by him ; in case of approval, he shall affix his signature and date of approval. After such approval, the Treasurer shall be authorized to pay.

ARTICLE III.—Meetings.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Secretary, either at the written request of five (5) members of the Committee, or by order of the President, and two week's notice of said meeting shall be sent to every member of the Committee.

At all meetings of the Committee, two thirds of the members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.—Championships.

The Association shall give a yearly meeting for the Amateur Championships of Canada which shall take place alternately in Montreal and Toronto.

The Executive Committee shall assume control of said meeting to be held the last Saturday in September.

ARTICLE V.—Championship Games.

The Championship Games shall include :

Running 100 yards.
Running 220 yards.
Running One-quarter mile.
Running One-half mile.
Running One mile.
Running Two miles.
Hurdle Racing, 120 yards, 10 hurdles, 3 ft. 6 in.
Walking One mile.
Walking Three miles.
Running high jump.
Running broad jump.
Pole Leaping.
Putting the Shot, 16 lbs.
Throwing the Hammer, 16 lbs.
Throwing 56 lbs. Weight.
Individual Tug of War.
Tug of War, teams of Five Men.

The Executive Committee may omit any of the above competitions, or add such games or contests as in their judgment may seem proper.

ARTICLE VI.

Mode of deciding upon status of any Athlete.

In the event of any application for a decision of the Executive Committee upon the applicant's status as amateur athlete, it shall be the duty of the President to appoint a sub-committee of three to investigate the case. This committee shall report within ten days to the Executive Committee who shall thereupon take such action as they deem proper and just in the premises.

Upon application from any Club, a member of this Association, asking for a decision of the Committee upon the status of any individual, a Committee shall be appointed, and report, as specified above, and the decision of the Executive Committee be duly transmitted to the enquiring Club.

Each person whose amateur standing is being investigated, shall receive twenty days notice, if a meeting is to be called at which his case will be decided, so that he may be present should he desire it and submit his own statement. He must also answer all questions asked him by the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have power to decide on any particular case by correspondence, if so recommended by the Sub-Committee.

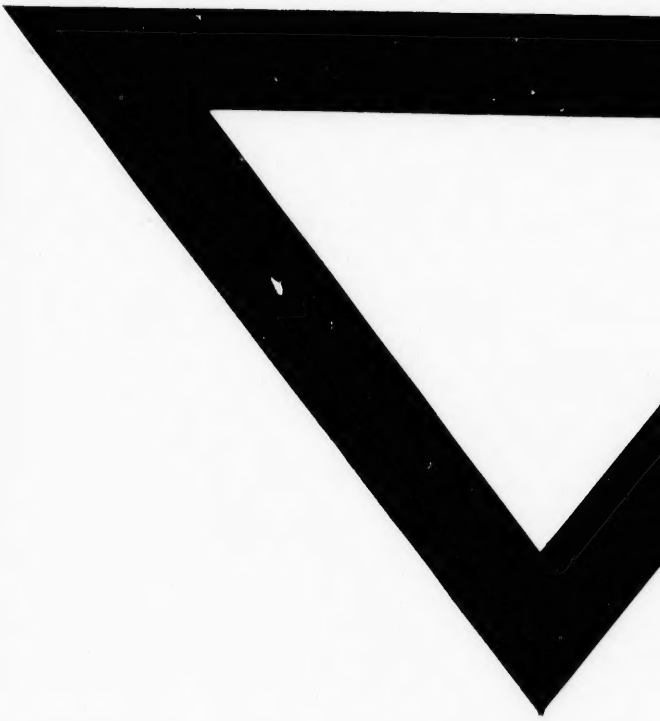
The expenses attending such investigation shall be borne by the Club or individual making the application.

It shall be the duty of this Committee, if they deem an entry at the Championship Meeting a proper subject for investigation, to entertain the question, irrespective of any protest being entered.

ARTICLE VII.—Order of Business.

Reading minutes of previous meeting; reports and communications; unfinished business; new business; adjournment.

ARTICLE VIII.—Amendments, etc.

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or suspended at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the meeting, provided two weeks' notice shall have been given to every Club in the Association of the proposed alteration, amendment or suspension.

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